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SUBJ: GHANA REJECTS RHODESIAN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND DENIES IT
SUPPORTS MUZOREWA

1. A GOG STATEMENT ISSUED MARCH 5 REJECTED ANY RHODESIAN
SETTLEMENT TO WHICH PATRIOTIC FRONT IS NOT A PARTY. STATE-
MENT SAID THAT NO FORMULA WHICH EXCLUDES LEADERS AND FORCES
OF FRONT CAN END FIGHTING AND ENSURE FUTURE STABILITY OF
GENUINE MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. INTERNAL SETTLEMENT
WAS DENOUNCED AS AN EFFORT TO GAIN RECOGNITION AND LEGALITY
FOR SMITH REGIME SO IT CAN RETAIN FAR MORE THAN ITS FAIR
SHARE OF VOTES, AS WELL AS KEEP CONTROL OVER ARMED FORCES
AND POLICE. FINALLY, STATEMENT REAFFIRMED GHANA'S SUPPORT
FOR ARMED STRUGGLE AND MAINTENANCE OF MANDATORY SANCTIONS
UNTIL SMITH SURRENDERS TO DEMANDS FOR GENUINE SELF-DETERMIN-
ATION AND INDEPENDENCE FOR THE COUNTRY.
FOLLOWING OAU TRIPOLI MEETING, COMMISSIONER (MINISTER)
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS COL. R.J.A. FELLI CALLED FOR UNITY AMONG
NATIONALIST LEADERS AND DENIED GHANA SUPPORTS BISHOP MUZOREWA.
HE EXPLAINED GHANA HAD ONCE ASSIGNED A CONSTITUTIONAL LAWYER
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TO MUZOREWA BUT LAWYER WAS TOLD TO WORK FOR ALL NATIONALISTS
AND NOT FOR BISHOP ALONE. ON HIS RETURN TO ACCRA OVER
MARCH 4-5 WEEKEND, FELLI REPEATED GOG VIEW
THAT A RHODESIAN SOLUTION "CANNOT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT ALL
THE PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE STRUGGLES."

3. COMMENT: GHANA HAS CONSISTENTLY URGED RHODESIAN LIBERATION

GROUPS TO UNIFY AND PRESENT A COMMON FRONT TO SMITH. ITS
REJECTION OF INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH ITS
BELIEF THAT ALL PARTIES INVOLVED MUST GET A PIECE OF THE
PIE IF CIVIL WAR IS TO BE AVOIDED AFTER SMITH STEPS DOWN.
WHILE IT HAS BEEN UNHAPPY WITH OAU DECISION TO BACK PATRIOTIC
FRONT, IT HAS KEPT MISGIVINGS IN PRIVATE CHANNELS AND HAS
TRIED TO MAINTAIN CONTACTS WITH ALL PLAYERS IN RHODESIAN
DRAMA. SMITH

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